

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 484

By Carter

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of George Oliver Benton
of Jackson.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of former Lieutenant Governor George Oliver Benton; and

WHEREAS, A veteran of the Marine Corps and World War II, Mr. Benton was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Elected to the Tennessee Senate in 1947, George Oliver Benton was immediately chosen to serve as Lieutenant Governor, a post he held for two years, until the defeat of Governor Jim McCord; and

WHEREAS, In the 1950s, Mr. Benton returned to Capitol Hill as a lobbyist and spent the next 50 years lobbying on behalf of clients such as the Association of Coca-Cola Bottlers and the Jackson Energy Authority, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, George Benton was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Benton was preceded in death by his wife, Theresa Anderson Benton; and

WHEREAS, He will be dearly missed by his three children: Jane Anderson Benton Fort of Dublin, Ireland; George Oliver Benton, Jr., of Santa Rosa, California; and Hu Anderson Benton of Manassas, Virginia; and his three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, George Benton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of George Oliver Benton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Benton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.